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Tim's fairground attraction aims to help Queenscourt

TIM O'Connor is hoping his passion for making model fairground rides will help raise much-needed funds for Queenscourt Hospice.

The 54-year-old Skelmersdale man is planning an exhibition of his work at the Stanley Club in Burscough next month.

He has chosen the Southport-based hospice as the benefactors after Queenscourt cared for his wife in the last months of her life before she sadly passed away from cancer.

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YOUNGSTERS FACE BEING SQUEEZED OUT OF SCHOOLS IN VILLAGE SHAKE-UP

Campaigners claim children from Skelmersdale could be denied classroom places in neighbouring Rainford

Report by **Henry James**

YOUNGSTERS in Skelmersdale face being squeezed out of schools in nearby Rainford if plans to expand the village get the go-ahead.

Currently, around sixty children attend schools in neighbouring Rainford with the area's highly regarded secondary school proving to be particularly popular among parents living in Skelmersdale.

However, access to those schools could be severely restricted under proposals by St Helens Council to expand the village by a third - meaning less opportunities for Skelmersdale children to get places.

The fears came to light when Rainford Action Group investigated how plans to build at least 1,140 houses in the village would impact on its infrastructure.

And the group believes that if the developments go ahead the only way the authority could provide enough school places needed, would be to deny places in Rainford's schools to children from outside the village.

That would mean children from Skelmersdale - as well as those from Billinge, Kirkby and outlying districts of St Helens - would all be shut out of Rainford's popular classrooms.

Lancashire County Council has estimated that for the 2016/17 year a total of 56 children from Skelmersdale are going to Rainford schools (primary eight and secondary 48).

Although St Helens Council hasn't included any information on how it would deal with the increased demand for school places in its Local Plan Preferred Options, members of the Rainford Action Group believe the obvious solution would be to restrict who gets into the village's schools.

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The Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust immunisation team

Women and girls targeted in twin initiative to mark Cervical Cancer Prevention Week

HEALTH professionals from the Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust are supporting Cervical Cancer Prevention Week (January 22-30) by encouraging school girls to get vaccinated against human papillomavirus (HPV) and calling on women to ensure they take part in regular screening.

And they are using the week to remind people that cervical cancer can kill. Regular screening and vaccinating young girls against HPV, however, helps save thousands of lives every year.

Pearl Greenwood, immunisation team leader at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "On the occasion of Cervical Cancer Prevention week, we can't stress enough the importance of being vaccinated against HPV which causes 99% of all cervical cancers. We strongly advise all girls to get vaccinated to protect themselves against this virus.

"Our teams will be visiting Year 8 and 9 girls in schools in Lancashire to get them vaccinated. We also offer a flexible service for Year 8 girls who are educated outside of mainstream schools so there is no reason that your child should not be vaccinated.

"Most forms of HPV go unnoticed because they are symptomless so prevention is the best form of protection. A simple injection protects you for life and could save your life

"We also advise women to undergo cervical screening which is not a test for cancer; this is also known as a smear test and we advise them to undergo this every three to five years.

"If these abnormalities are left untreated they can lead to cancer of the cervix. We know that on average cervical screening helps save the lives of approximately 4,500 women in England everyyear."

Every day in the UK, eight women are diagnosed with cervical cancer with three dying as a result.

It is the most common cancer in women aged 35 and under. Despite this, more than 20 per cent of women invited for screening do not attend.

Cervical screening can prevent around 45 per cent of cervical cancer cases in women in their 30s, rising with age to 75 per cent in women in their 50s and 60s who attend regularly.

HPV is the name given to a family of viruses that affect the skin and membranes that line the body. The vaccine protects against the two types of the virus that cause over 70 per cent of the cases of cervical cancer so the importance of the vaccination should not be underestimated.

The immunisation team urges parents and guardians to allow their children to be protected against HPV. Schoolgirls are being encouraged to receive two doses of the vaccine to ensure they are fully protected. The first dose is given in Year 8 and the second in Year 9.

The team also vaccinates Year 10 and 11 boys and girls against Meningitis ACWY and DTP (diphtheria, tetanus and polio).

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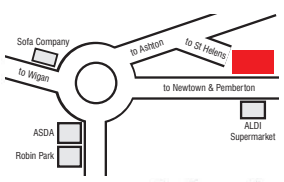

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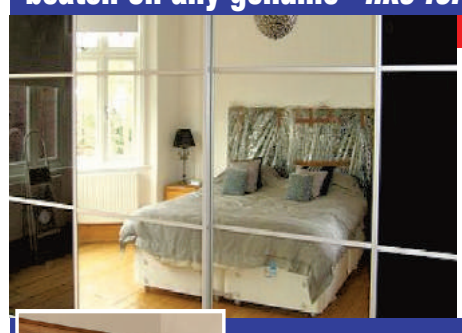

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West Lancashire man among thousands of Brits evacuated from Gambia after fears of civil unrest

Report by **Henry James**

A DISABLED holidaymaker from West Lancashire was among the thousands of Brits evacuated from The Gambia after fears of civil unrest surrounding the presidential elections in the West African country.

Charlie Holland from Westhead was one of the British tourists who had to cut short their holidays on government advice after The Gambia's incumbent president, Yahya Jammeh refused to step down after losing the election and declared a state of emergency.

The UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office issued a statement last week saying the risk of civil disturbance was high.

It read: 'The potential for military intervention and civil disturbance is high and could result in Banjul International Airport being closed at short notice.

'You should follow events closely, take extra care, keep in regular contact with your tour operator and airline and continue to monitor travel advice and social media updates in case tensions rise as the current political deadlock continues.'

They advised people to leave by commercial means if they did not need to stay in the country.

About 3,500 people were flown back to Britain on 16 flights.

Charlie, 53, said: "I was on a two-week holiday and was due to come back on the Saturday but instead I had to return on the Wednesday.

"We were told about the situation with the elections and were not given long to pack.

"Then we were taken to the airport in a little mini-bus.

"To be fair the local people were helpful. The Gambia is usually very safe, I've been to the country four times before." Fears for the safety of British holidaymakers were prompted by suggestions that the country's military were ready to remove Mr Jammeh. However, he has now left the country where he had been president for the last 22 years.

Charlie is a regular at West Lancs Butchers in Lathom and customers and staff at the shop on the Holland Business Park in Spa Lane were relieved to find out he had arrived home safely.

The owner of West Lancs Butchers, Michael Parker, said: "We are all glad that Charlie is back safe and well. He was alright when he got back just a little shaken up."

And Charlie added: "I won't be travelling anywhere else this year."

Charlie Holland... back home safe

School places at risk, claims group

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And they claim education and planning experts confirm their view as building new schools or expanding capacity would be too expensive for cash-strapped St Helens Council.

James Wright, chair of Rainford Action Group, said: "The plans to build well over a thousand new homes in Rainford on precious green belt land have obviously caused concern in the village. But they could have a huge impact for people who live outside Rainford too.

"It's obvious that St Helens Council, which is constantly pleading poverty, would be unable to afford to build new schools so instead would have to limit access to Rainford's schools to children who live in the village only, in order to free up places.

"For parents, or people thinking about having children, who live in Skelmersdale, that's got to be a serious cause for concern.

"Children from West Lancashire have been coming to Rainford to get a good education for generations. These proposals would put an end to that."

The Rainford Action Group was formed to raise awareness of the plans for the village and encourage people to take part in the consultation process on the St Helens Local Plan. The consultation closes on Monday, January 30.

Stolen baby tortoise is returned to pet shop

A BABY tortoise which was stolen from a West Lancashire pet shop has been returned and dropped off at the tills safe and well.

The tortoise, valued at £120, went missing from Lathom Pets and Aquatics, based at the Warbreck Garden Centre.

The owners of the store posted CCTV footage of the suspected theft on their social media site and Lancashire Police issued an appeal.

Happily, the tortoise was returned, anonymously, last Friday.

The stolen tortoise

Tim O'Connor with some of his miniature fairground rides which are soon to feature in a model show at Burscough's Stanley Club.

Tim's model way to help Queenscourt hospice

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Tim, from Earlswood, will put on display his models of fairground attractions including waltzers, ghost trains and a moon rocket, based on rides from the 1950s and 1960s.

He said: "I wanted to do something for Queenscourt. I thought about doing a parachute jump, but decided on this event. I hope it is a success and something we can organise on an annual basis."

Tim's wife, Beryl, died last year. He added: "I looked after Beryl myself with the help of Queenscourt nurses. I wanted to use the models to do something good for Queenscourt and thank them for their support."

Tim, a wagon driver at Martland's Skip Hire, has been making fairground models for as long as he can remember and has exhibited his work at shows up and down the country.

The event will be sponsored by Silcock's Amusements and Martland's Skip Hire. He is hoping to recruit some more exhibitors and would like to see model boats and different forms of model transport at the show.

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Chance to have a say on 'green scheme' and cycling strategy

RESIDENTS in West Lancashire are being encouraged to share their views on a blueprint for green spaces and walking and cycling routes in the borough.

The borough council has produced a draft Green Infrastructure and Cycling Strategy for the area, which looks to establish a high-quality, accessible network and cycling that links its major settlements with one another and with visitor attractions.

The Green Infrastructure refers to the connected network of open spaces, green corridors and inland waterways around us which the council believe can deliver a wide range of benefits. These include providing wildlife habitats, contributing to an attractive environment and creating potential benefits for health and well-being.

It also aims to provide opportunities for sustainable forms of travel and leisure, particularly walking and cycling.

The Green Infrastructure and Cycling Strategy has a set of objectives and contains a wide range of potential future projects and initiatives to deliver its vision.

Projects the council and partners will develop further over the coming years include improvements to the Tawd Valley Park in Skelmersdale, a new Beacon Country Park Visitor Centre and delivering four linear parks.

The 'West Lancashire Wheel' would be created to form a circular route between Skelmersdale, Ormskirk, Burscough and Parbold by delivering two of the four linear parks (Skelmersdale-Ormskirk and Ormskirk-Burscough) and by adding to and improving existing cycle routes.

Councillor John Hodson

Councillor John Hodson *(pictured)*, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for planning, said: "The Green Infrastructure and Cycling Strategy is an exciting vision that will help the council deliver impressive projects over the coming years to improve the environment, enhance opportunities for recreation and provide further opportunities for travel other than by car. The council is really keen to hear what the public thinks about the draft strategy so I urge people to take part in the consultation."

The public consultation will run from Thursday, January 26 until Friday, March 10.

Care home residents get a glimpse of the future!

RESIDENTS at a Skelmersdale care home were given the chance to take a look into the future - literally - when they tried out virtual reality glasses.

The glasses were taken into the Birch Green Care Home by a member of staff for residents to use as part of a special activity.

The use of such technology for care and support of residents is increasing in the care sector, particularly in relation to reminiscence care for those with dementia.

The Springhill Care Group, owners of the Birch Green Care Home, have introduced an industry-leading 'telehealth' system to allow residents to communicate over the Internet with friends, family or healthcare professionals who cannot be with them in person.

A recent change also saw the group introduce a new digital system to manage resident medication administration practices, initially at two of its homes. Management believe the move away from a paper-based system offered the chance to increase efficiency and reduce the risk of administrative errors.

A resident tries out the virtual reality glasses

Following the success of the virtual reality glasses activity - which saw residents experiencing an underwater scene with colourful fish and plant life - Birch Green is now planning to make it a regular part of its lifestyle programme.

Phillippa McGrath, general manager at Birch Green Care Home, said: "The residents were totally amazed by the experience, saying they really felt like they were in the underwater scene and having a lot of fun.

"Activities form a core part of life at Birch Green as we help residents to continue their hobbies and interests while under our roof, and it made sense to try this technology as it grows in popularity.

"We've never been afraid to embrace new technology and the opportunities it brings, and we can see a real benefit from virtual reality, helping residents experience new environments or perhaps trigger memories from their childhood."

Artz Awards date for civic duo

THE Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Liz Savage and her consort, Councillor Noel Delaney, will attend an Artz Awards Evening at the DW Stadium in Wigan on Saturday, January 28 starting at 7.30pm.

Caribbean Night at E Rooms

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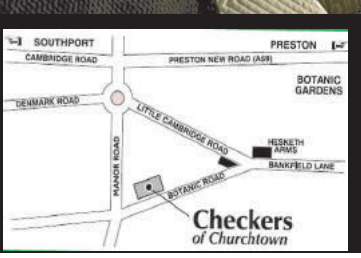

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Officers reveal 'small gap' as councillors prepare to set new budget

OFFICERS at West Lancs Council have said there is a "relatively small budget gap" as they work on setting their budget for 2017/18.

Report by **Henry James**

Their proposals have been heard by the council's cabinet and will go to the executive overview and scrutiny committee on Thursday (January 26) before being discussed at full Council on Wednesday, February 22.

The Policy Options report to the council in July reasoned that there was a projected budget gap of £1,437,000 facing the council in 2017-18.

The borough treasurer Marc Taylor has said in a report for the budget that: "The budget gap figure reflects the difference between the spending that is required to maintain services at their agreed level and the resources that are expected to be available."

At the meeting savings of £564,000 were agreed.

At the October full council meeting other savings were agreed including starting to bring in green waste charging and changes to employee car allowances and rates. This brought the budget gap to £387,000.

A revised assessment of the budget gap has now been worked out following the Local Government Finance Settlement. It is now £154,842.

One of the key features of the settlement included that the council tax level be increased up to the higher 2% or £5 at Band D level.

Officers believe that when finalising the budget consideration will need to be given to how the remaining budget gap should be addressed, and changes to fees and charges and the level of the council tax.

Although the council has spoken of a small budget gap for 2017/18, they are projecting a budget gap of £1.562m for 2018/19 and £473,000 for 2019/20.

Mr Taylor commented: "The medium term financial picture remains very challenging and this will be addressed through a further Policy Options process that will be operated in 2017."

In the background for the report Mr Taylor explained that the authority must set a budget before each financial year starts and that, "this budget will set out the financial basis for the council's corporate and service plans. The budget that is set must enable the council's priorities to be delivered but must also be affordable."

The council meeting on February 22 will provide all members with the opportunity to debate and agree this budget.

December benefits claimants slightly up on previous year

THE number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) and Universal Credit (UC) in West Lancashire in December 2016 was marginally up on the year before

Figures published by the Office For National Statistics showed that in December 2016 there were 1,290 residents receiving unemployment benefits, compared to 1,280 in December 2015, an increase of 1%.

However, the number of 18 to 24-year-olds claiming JSA and UC in the borough has fallen 4% from 360 in December 2015 to 345 in December 2016.

Clive Morris, spokesperson for Jobcentre plus, said: "The decrease in West Lancashire in the number of people in the 18 to 24 age group claiming unemployment benefits is in line with the decrease across the North West and Merseyside figures.

"The figures in the borough relate to the national trend, which show a general strength in the labour market. When looking at the December figures, it must be taken into account that many employers offer seasonal recruitment and there are additional job opportunities in December.

"There was a small increase in the overall number of people claiming benefits in December, but in the last five years there has been a 44% decrease in the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance and Universal Credit.

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County council to increase adult social care funding by £14m

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council is proposing to increase the amount it pays a wide range of adult social care providers by £14m, to "reflect the increased costs they are facing in delivering their services".

The county council supports around 25,000 adults in the community and in residential care, at an annual cost of about £300m per year.

Under the proposal, a range of providers would receive an increase based on the increase in the National Living Wage and other factors, including changes to pension auto-enrolment contributions.

The National Living Wage accounts for the most significant increase, rising from £7.20 to £7.50 per hour, a rise of 4.17%.

County Councillor Tony Martin, Lancashire's cabinet member for adult and community services, said: "The county council's finances remain hugely challenging, due to a combination of cuts in government funding and a rising demand for our services as our population lives longer, often in poorer health.

County Councillor Tony Martin, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for adult and community services

"In spite of that, we recognise that we have a duty to help ease the pressures on those companies who provide such vital care to some of the most vulnerable people in our society.

"We have consulted with providers, through the Health and Social Care Partnership, and they have welcomed the level of the increase.

"Our financial planning accounts for the price increases, so approving these proposals would not worsen our financial position.

"However, the stark fact remains that we are currently using the council's reserves to balance the books, and those reserves are forecast to run out in 2018/19.

"The bottom line is that we need government to re-think how they fund local government."

Planning permission sought for more bedrooms in HMO

PLANS have been submitted to increase the number of bedrooms in a house of multiple occupation (HMO) in Ormskirk.

Applicant Andrew MacFarlane is seeking planning permission to reconstruct the interior of the first floor of Albert Douglas House in Aughton Street to form 12 bedrooms with two lounges and kitchens.

Local residents have until Friday, February 3 to submit their views on the plans to West Lancs Council.

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Images of past brighten up shopping centre

TWO large wall vinyls of photos collected as part of an exhibition to celebrate Skelmersdale's 56 years of New Town status can now be seen on the walls of the Concourse after management decided to brighten up the shopping centre.

The photos were collected together by the arts collective, Glassball Arts Projects (GAP) and local volunteers who worked on the project for two years. They were first shown to residents in an exhibition at the town's library in November 2015.

Writer and broadcaster Paul Farley was special guest at the event and wrote an article for a book, entitled Planet Skem, published to tie in with the project.

Jennifer Burnett, retail marketing manager at the Concourse, said: "I had some large wall vinyls installed at our two car park entrances in order to brighten up the plain long walls.

"The images are all memories of Skelmersdale that were collated over a two-year project, by the Glassball project for whom we provided space at the Concourse to conduct the project.

"They have also created a book. Anyone wishing to view more photographs should buy a copy of the book or contact Glassball. For more information you can visit picturenewtown.org. Some images displayed are also stored at Lancashire Archives in Preston and can be viewed by appointment.

"We're getting a lot of positive feedback about the walls with people reminiscing on times gone by."

Over the course of the project, GAP worked with the community heritage department at Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Archives and other partners, including West Lancashire College, Cobbs Brow Primary School, Skelmersdale library and the North West Sound & Film Archives.

One of the wall vinyls at the Concourse

Police praise for public response to information plea

POLICE in Skelmersdale have thanked the public for their help in tracing a man wanted in connection with an assault in the town.

Officers issued an appeal for information about the whereabouts of 24-year-old Andrew McNair, of Willow Hey, Skelmersdale, who was wanted for questioning about the incident in December in which the female victim suffered an injured jaw and damaged teeth.

A spokesman for Skelmersdale Police said: "Thanks to help from the public, Andrew McNair was arrested in the Blackpool area on Thursday, January 19.

"We couldn't have made this arrest without your help. Please keep up the good work.

"Any information can be passed on by calling 101 or alternatively by contacting Crimestoppers anonymously, on 0800 555 111."

Bereavement service

THE annual bereavement service at St Paul's Church in Skelmersdale will be held on Sunday, January 29 starting at 6.30pm. Organisers warmly welcome people who have suffered bereavement to join them at the service where the names of their loved ones will be read out.

Sinister child abuser jailed for six years

Report by **Lynda Roughley**

A FORMER Skelmersdale man, described as "devious" and "sinister" claimed to be a paedophile hunter but was actually a child abuser, a court has been told.

Carl Windsor, formerly of Hartland, Birch Green, was snared by an undercover police officer after they had exchanged online messages in chat rooms about child abuse and Windsor travelled by train to Oxted in Surrey.

The 29-year-old, who had been messaging under the name Jimmy Saville, was hoping to sexually assault the man's five-year-old granddaughter but when the two men met in a supermarket cafe near the station Windsor was arrested for his intended attacks on the non-existent child.

But while he did not actually abuse that 'child' he had previously sexually molested a nine-year-old girl while living in Skelmersdale the previous year, 2015, said Geoffrey Lowe, prosecuting.

Windsor was jailed for six years for two offences of sexually assaulting the little girl and two of arranging or facilitating the commission of sex offences.

He also admitted three offences of downloading a total of 165 child porn images.

When he was arrested in Oxted in January last year by Kent police his mobile phone was seized and deleted indecent images of children were found on it.

Carl Windsor

Judge David Aubrey, QC, pointed out that Windsor had initially denied the allegations and the nine-year-old girl had to come to court for a pre-trial hearing to be cross-examined.

In a later impact statement she said she had not liked going to court and being accused of lying. Her reference to the room decor - 'It was very brown and I would have preferred pink' - "speaks volumes as to her age and innocence," said Judge Aubrey.

"You have destroyed it by abusing her in the way that you did. She says she felt sick in the stomach when you did what you did."

He ordered Windsor to sign the Sex Offenders Register for life and imposed an indefinite Sexual Harm Prevention Order, and said: "You said you were acting as a paedophile hunter. You were nothing of the sort, you were a fraudster for your own sexual motivation."

He pointed out that Windsor, who sat with his head in his hands during the hearing, had still maintained in a pre-sentence report that he was a paedophile hunter.

Conflicts

"This court is quite satisfied you are nothing of the sort and it is indeed you who are the paedophile. You are a devious, sinister man and the offences you committed are not only sexual in nature, they are sinister in nature. These are extremely serious offences," said Judge Aubrey.

Windsor, who had left Skelmersale in the autumn of 2015, after earlier abusing the nine-year-old, and moved to Norwich, was heard slamming doors after leaving the dock.

Philip Andrews, defending, said that Windsor has previously been jailed for breaching non-molestation orders in relation to a young boy.

He has also spent the equivalent of a two-year sentence while on remand for these offences, he added.

Mr Andrews said that Windsor had himself been abused as a child and had "unresolved conflicts in his mind."

Allotments Federation all set for Potato Day

THE fifth annual West Lancashire Potato Day is set to be staged in the atrium of the Concourse shopping centre in Skelmersdale on Saturday, January 28.

Visitors will be able to choose from more than 80 varieties of potatoes. Seeds, onions, garlic, soft fruit bushes and fruit trees will also be available, along with advice on growing, pruning and storing home-grown produce.

The event, which runs from 10am to 3pm, has been organised by the West Lancashire Allotments Federation in conjunction with Brighter Blooms of Preston.

Federation secretary, Ray Fowler, said: "We would like to thank the management of the Concourse for this opportunity to promote allotments and the federation."

For further information email rfowler001@btinternet.com.

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Council announce projects to benefit from Community Infrastructure Levy

£150,000 earmarked for canal towpath scheme and £20,000 for Skelmersdale park play area

WEST Lancs Council is set to allocate £150,000 to fund improvements to a stretch of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal towpath between Burscough Wharf and Glovers Swing Bridge near Lathom.

The project, which will see an upgrade of a key section of a strategic route for cycling and walking on the pier-to-pier route between Southport and Wigan, is one of three earmarked by the authority to use money raised from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in 2017/18.

It was chosen after the council sought residents' views about which projects in the borough should be prioritised for improvements.

The levy allows the council to raise funds from developers who are undertaking new building projects in the area. The money must then be used to pay for a wide range of infrastructure needed to support new developments.

Councillor John Hodson

Around 100 schemes were put forward by infrastructure providers, ward councillors, parish councils, residents and other stakeholders, and a shortlist of the most deliverable projects from this list was publicly consulted on by the council in October.

After considering the responses received from the public, the council chose the canal towpath project - which will also receive additional funding of £30,000 from the Canal and Rivers Trust - and improvements to the play area at Stanley Coronation Park, Skelmersdale and the Mere Sands Wood Visitors Centre.

The Stanley Coronation Park scheme will benefit from £20,000 to upgrade and extend the play area, while £3,000 will go to Phase One of the Mere Sands centre to develop public facilities and support the use of the centre for education activities, evening talks and other events.

Additional funding for the project of £77,000 will be provided by the Lancashire Wildlife Trust.

Councillor John Hodson, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for development and regeneration, said: "CIL money is helping to make some exciting projects a reality and it's been great that people got involved and told us which projects they wanted to see delivered the most.

"Once complete these chosen projects will help promote physical exercise and health, improve the environment and encourage sustainable transport."

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Grateful grandad's festive lights show raises £130 for cancer centre

A GRATEFUL grandad who holds an annual festive lights charity collection in aid of the hospital where his young granddaughter received treatment for cancer, has thanked members of the public for their continued support.

Graham Appleton, 74, of Dicketts Lane, Lathom started the collection for the Clatterbridge Cancer Centre on the Wirral five years ago when granddaughter, Alysha was diagnosed. Thankfully she is now in the clear.

Each Christmas Graham decorates the outside of his house with lights and leaves a collection box for any passers-by who wish to donate.

This year's collection raised £130 for Clatterbridge.

Mr Appleton said: "I decorate the whole house and the front garden with festive lights.

"This year it took me about two weeks to do, with a little help from my grandson as well.

"I would like to thank all the people who stopped and made a contribution in my collection box for Clatterbridge."

Public invited to join in mayor's fundraisers

MAYOR of West Lancs, Councillor Liz Savage is inviting local residents to join her at a couple of fundraising events to help boost local charities.

This year the mayor is supporting the Neo-Natal Unit at Ormskirk Hospital; the Artz Centre, Birch Green; The Civic in Ormskirk and the Birchwood Centre, Skelmersdale and she's hoping her latest fundraising ventures will attract the backing of the public in aid of these worthy causes.

First up is an Irish Night on Friday, January 27 at Skelmersdale Football Club when singer Michael Coyne will be providing the entertainment.

Tickets, priced £10 each, include refreshments with Irish Stew on the menu.

Meanwhile, football fans can enjoy 'An evening of Red and Blue' sportsman's dinner on Friday, February 3 at The Civic in Southport Road, Ormskirk.

This starts at 7.30pm and guest speakers are former Everton and Republic of Ireland midfielder Kevin Sheedy and former Liverpool manager Roy Evans.

The evening will be hosted by top local comedian Sean Styles of Radio Merseyside fame and tickets, priced £20 each, include a pie-and-peas supper.

Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Liz Savage

Councillor Savage said: "I would like to say thank-you to everyone who is helping me to organise these events. They are going to raise important funds and be great fun for everyone who comes along - so make sure you buy your tickets quickly and don't miss out."

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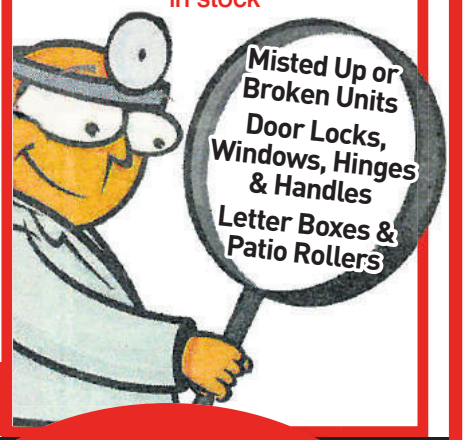

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Project seeks public's views on mental health services in county

HEALTHWATCH Lancashire, the public voice on health and social care, has launched a new project to capture people's views about access to mental health services and the issues they face.

It follows the recent Homelessness and Deprivation project - where 31% of people said their mental health was poor - and aims to give providers insight in to what the public know and feel about mental health and the services available to them.

Staff and volunteers will engage with people in a variety of settings and speaking to a range of groups including young people, LGBT groups and learning disability groups, as well as revisiting some groups from the previous homelessness and deprivation project.

They will be asking questions relating to views about mental health, services available, how to access them, online support benefits and what changes the public would like to see.

Sheralee Turner-Birchall, chief officer at Healthwatch Lancashire, said: "This project aims to give a voice to those who suffer with mental health, have done so in the past, or know a family member or friend who has done so.

"The strength of our community engagement will allow us to identify areas where mental health services, or access to these services, can be improved based on the views of those who are using them.

"The public's voice will enable us to challenge providers about mental health services off the back of significant intelligence we have received to suggest that things do indeed need to be improved."

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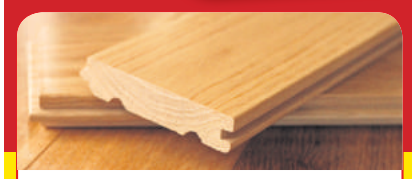

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Fiveways junction in need of major re-modelling to minimise dangerous driving

WITH regards to the ongoing safety concerns at the Fiveways junction in Ormskirk, it is clear to me that the junction needs considerable re-modelling.

Most collisions at the junction are caused by dangerous driving, therefore every effort must be made to minimise dangerous driving. The number of cars jumping red lights or using the lane for turning right towards Southport as an overtaking lane is frightening.

Similarly, the County Road lane for turning right towards the town centre (which is actually also indicated as a 'straight ahead' lane) is also regularly used as an overtaking lane. Surely it would be sensible to make this a right-hand turn only lane?

To improve safety, would it not be feasible for these right-hand turn lanes to be physically separated by islands at the traffic lights? Surely this would reduce temptation for dangerous misuse of these lanes whilst also providing an even clearer indication of their purpose.

Also, Southport Road's right-hand turn on to County Road should have a dedicated green light. This would reduce blockages caused by vehicles queuing across the junction which impacts on traffic travelling from both the town centre and Southport.

One way or another this junction does need re-modelling for the safety of all road users and pedestrians, even if most problems are caused by dangerous driving rather than the actual junction itself.

D. Ashley,
Rosecroft Close, Ormskirk

Hospitals' lack of communication could be harmful to my health

IT seems to me that some departments of the NHS have forgotten how to communicate with people, probably in an attempt to save money.

I recently received an appointment by the eye screening department of the Aintree University Trust, the appointment to be held at Ormskirk Hospital in Wigan Road. The time is no good to me, so I decided to contact the screening dept to change it.

And that is where my problem starts as they give phone numbers for you to ring. I'm hard of hearing so a phone is useless to me.

I tracked down an e-mail number for the department and explained that I'm hard of hearing. They told me to contact Souhport Hospital to sort out a new appointment but Southport told me it's nothing to do with them and gave me a phone number to call!

Risk

They obviously didn't read the bit in the email about phones being useless to me. Is that because it doesn't go into a tick box or is it just incompetence?

I now risk losing that appointment, because of this bureaucratic merry-go-round that goes nowhere. The eye scan is for type 2 diabetes, so this incompetence may harm my health.

I must add that it's not only this hospital department that's guilty of ignoring the needs of those with hearing impairments - and there are around 11 million of us in the UK whose needs are being ignored.

Maybe it's time for a class action until this form of deprivation of services is put to rights. I'm sure that those who administer the Disability Discrimination Act prosecutions will advise me without a phone number.

Ken Walters,
Green Lane, Ormskirk

PICTURE of the week

Xiaoya Liu, a lecturer from Edge Hill University Confucius Institute who visited Little Digmoor primary school in Skelmersdale last week as part of their activities to celebrate the start of Chinese New Year this Saturday. Picture Martyn Snape.

Still no answers to signage query

IN response to the article in the Ormskirk Champion (January 11) headed 'Councillors in link road signage row', I am the resident who County Councillor Fillis directed to Highways England (I have informed Cllr. Fillis that the Highways Agency changed its name more than 18 months ago to Highways England).

I did as Cllr. Fillis said and contacted Highways England and asked them to change the signage on the M58.

They informed me - as I, and I hope Cllr. Fillis, know - that it was up to Lancashire County Council highways department to contact them with the signage changes that they wanted.

I informed Cllr. Fillis of Highways England's reply, but as yet I have had no reply from him.

Councillor Adrian Owens says nothing has been delivered in the Ormskirk 'master plan', well something has been delivered -a cycle bay inside the bus station in 2015 but there are no bikes for hire! That's another story.

Can Cllr. Fillis explain to the people of Ormskirk why in six months, 60,000 motorists in Preston have been fined more than £1m and yet no warnings or fines have been given out to wagon drivers going over the Derby Street bridge in 12 months? Can he explain why as it is the same enforcement as in Preston?

The people of Ormskirk deserve better and come the May elections we will get a chance to change - and this is from a life-long Labour supporter!

B. French,
Ormskirk, by email

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Government should give more support and funds to caring and professional NHS staff

I WOULD like to echo the sentiments of Laurence Stoneley (Letters, January 18) who wrote praising the North West Ambulance Service.

Our family had cause to use the service twice last year and were met with professionalism, but with great care and understanding too.

It is not the paramedics' fault that training is now more prolonged or that they cannot leave a patient who can't be handed over due to the lack of emergency staff and beds.

I so wish this government would recognise the shortfalls and add the extra funding to cope instead of demoralising these dedicated working people in our NHS.

They seem set to be giving tax relief to the very rich. They need to get their priorities more in tune with ordinary people's needs.

Judy Ingman,
Whalley Drive, Aughton

Surely town is reaching saturation point with HMOs

I WOULD like to give my view regarding the article (Champion, January 11) concerning the conversion of local housing into HMOs and in particular the property in Marians Drive and the appeal to overturn the council ruling against it.

It seems to me that with all the pubs, shops and buildings within the town centre being converted into HMOs/student accommodation and the proposed building of even more student accommodation on the university site, we are now reaching saturation point. This would be exacerbated by converting even more family houses on the outline of the town.

It would make more sense for the council to encourage landlords to change these houses back into family housing for rent or sale. This would have the added bonus of bringing in much-needed revenue through council tax to the town, rather than to continually allow the conversion of houses that are not really suitable for HMOs.

Our West Lancashire in November posted regarding the issue of over supply of HMOs in Ormskirk. It stated that there were at least 60 properties within the town that were still advertising student rooms to let. Also, on driving through the town last week this was evident in the amount of 'to let' signs on many houses in the town. This suggests to me we have more than enough HMOs in Ormskirk.

Coming back to Marians Drive, this is a quiet residential road which is close to a very good infant/junior school so is more suited to families not students.

Mrs V. Salkeld, by email

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Constabulary earns improved workplace equality rating

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The force was given an overall rating of 116th (out of 439) in this year's Stonewall World Equality Index, the benchmarking tool for global LGBT workplace equality, an improvement on their last rating by 135 places.

This year more than 90,000 employees took part in the Workplace Equality Index staff feedback exercise making it one of the biggest national employment surveys.

Stonewall was founded in 1989 and has been at the forefront of social and legal advancement for lesbian, gay and bisexual people in Britain. In 2015 it extended its remit to campaign for trans equality.

The constabulary was one of the most improved organisations, with staff feedback being one of the best and is now listed in the top 10 of emergency services which entered.

As part of its commitment to gaining Stonewall accreditation, the force has made amendments to policies and procedures, introduced sexual orientation monitoring and increased engagement around the LGBT community. In addition, the constabulary attended more than six Pride events and the national Sparkle Trans Pride event to showcase the organisation as an employer of choice.

Deputy chief constable Andy Rhodes said: "This is a brilliant result for Lancashire Constabulary. While there is still a long way to go, everyone has put so much effort into this and working towards having an inclusive workforce, ensuring all our staff are supported and treated equally and in turn reaching out to Lancashire's LGBT communities."

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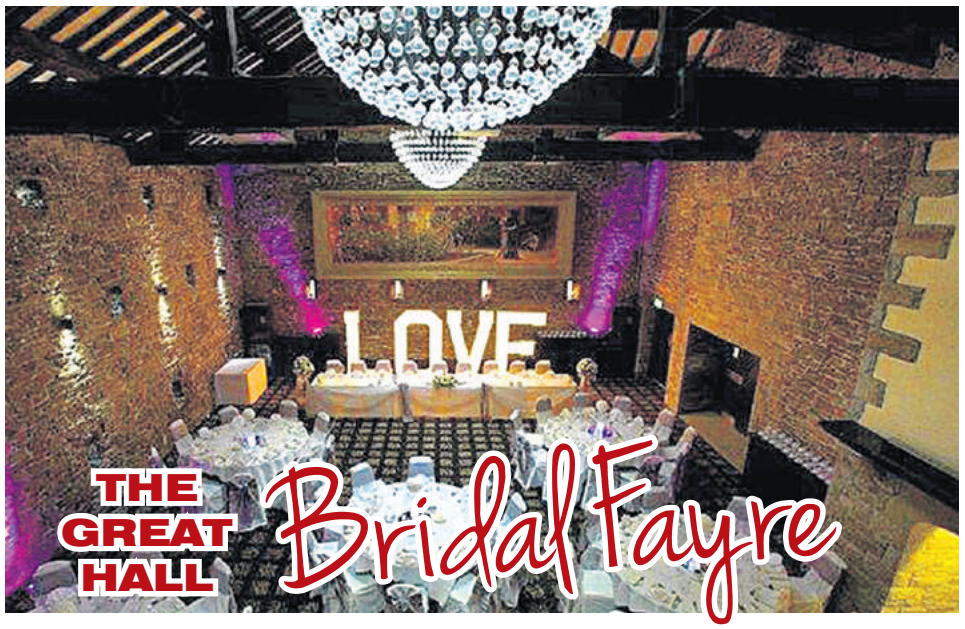

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County backs Young Carers Awareness Day

LANCASHIRE County Council is giving its backing to an event which aims to raise the profile of the support that young carers provide for their loved ones across the UK.

Young Carers Awareness Day (Thursday, January 26) recognises youngsters who provide care and support to someone in their family who is ill, has a disability or misuses substances. The theme of this year's event is 'When I Grow Up' with added focus on helping young carers to achieve the job or career that they want.

County Councillor Tomlinson

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "We're glad to raise awareness of the crucial role these young people have in their families.

"Our most recent figures indicate that we have around 4,000 children and young people who are providing care. Most provide between two and 19 hours every week but some provide as many as 50 hours each week. This can mean that they face many issues, and can be under a lot of strain constantly juggling family, school and their personal life.

"We want to help schools, colleges, employers and the public to be able to assist these young people, and make sure that they are able to access the right support now and can go on to pursue the employment they want."

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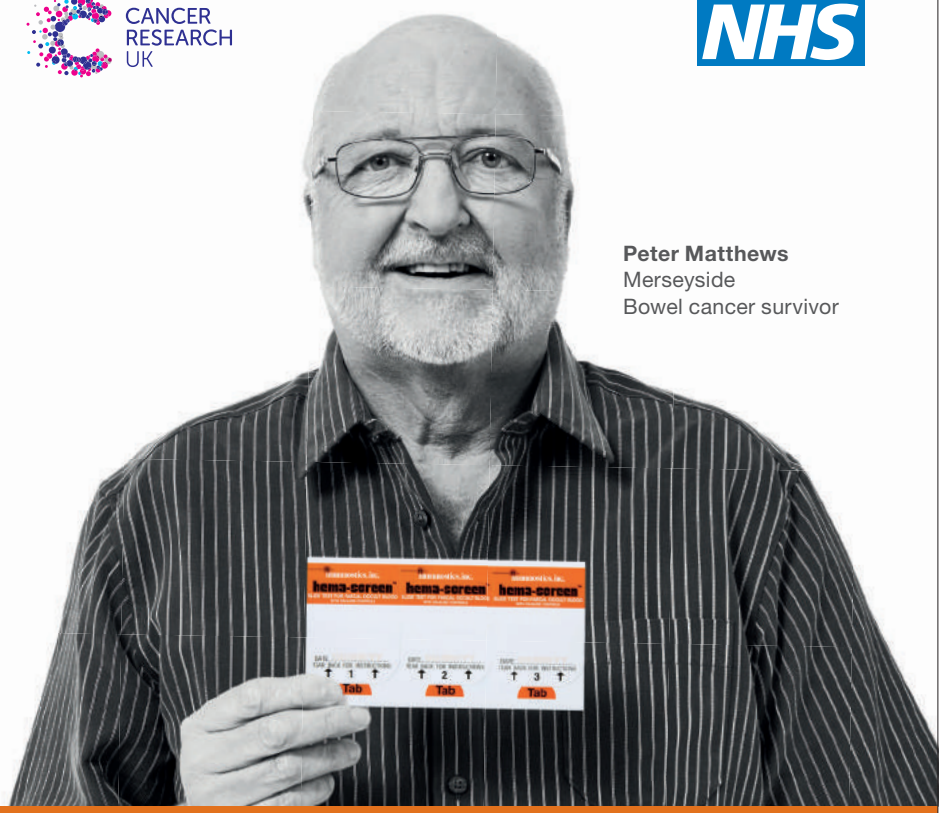

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Viking expert to address heritage group

PROFESSOR Judith Jesch of Nottingham University will give a talk entitled Viking Communications and Runes at the West Lancashire Heritage Association's Founders Lecture Lunch at Hurlston Hall Golf Club, Scarisbrick on Sunday, February 12.

Although they were not believed to be literate in the usual sense, the Scandinavians of the Viking Age did make use of a form of writing known as runes, usually for short messages and memorials to the dead.

Prof. Jesch's lecture will take the audience on a runic journey in time and space, starting in the western fjords of Norway.

The main focus will be on the lands around the Irish Sea, examining the runic inscriptions of this region for evidence of the people who wrote and read them.

It is described as a chance to meet the real Vikings of the Irish Sea and their descendants, in their own words.

Prof. Jesch is head of Viking Studies at Nottingham University and author of The Viking Diaspora.

The event is 12.30 for 1pm and includes a three-course lunch served with coffee. For tickets or more details call Bob Ireland on 07779 852172 or Patrick Waite on 01695 573350.

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Supporting Brexit doesn't mean being a 'Little Englander'

I HAVE come to the conclusion that perhaps not everybody is interested in trains and boats and buses - quite inexplicable, but there it is. Anyway, this week there were far weightier games afoot, our hopeful exit from the European Union.

I honestly thought that Theresa May's speech setting out her government's aims, ambitions and hopes, was a thoroughly statesmanlike performance which at first seemed to attract at least grudging praise from most quarters.

Not that you would have thought so if your first hearing of what she said came via the good old BBC, who predictably dragged out several of the usual suspects to sing out the same tired arguments as to why she was wrong.

One of my personal main reasons for wanting to leave the EU, now seems to be being used as one of the great stumbling blocks - bully-boy tactics by EU leaders. And that is doing a disservice not only to us, but also of course to EU member countries. I am now more convinced than ever that we must leave this pernicious organisation to go its own wayward way.

It seems to me that at least some of the reaction from Europe is a fear, perhaps well grounded, that if Brexit is seen in the medium to long term to be a good thing for the United Kingdom, then several other member states might decide to follow suit.

It's all about strength of identity and being one nation. The simple fact is that one size does not, and cannot, fit all. And that does not mean being a so-called 'Little Englander', though admittedly it could be called patriotism and that, to me at least, is most certainly not a dirty word. It means doing what is best for our country and its citizens within a worldwide framework.

It is also becoming extremely boring that various politicians and pundits are still banging on about us ordinary thickos not being aware when we voted to leave the EU that it must mean leaving the Single Market as well. Every single spokesperson for either 'in' or 'out' groups quite clearly told us that in the run-up to the Referendum.

I've said it before and I probably will say it again, but many extremely successful nations, including the US, Japan and Australia, apparently manage successfully to trade with Europe without paying vast sums to prop up a creaking, non-elected organisation.

Mind you, it would quite obviously be best for Europe as well as us if good trade and travel arrangements are kept in force post-Brexit. Neither of us can afford to resort to petty stubbornness or a desire to 'punish' the UK, no matter what the cost, by a few short-sighted European countries.

Another thing, I watched Prime Minister's Questions this week and came away thinking that the Labour Party should tread very carefully. Listening to Jeremy Corbin I certainly got the impression that his stance on Brexit was becoming something like a sort of watered-down Lib Dem position, certainly in its continuing pointless opposition to leaving the Single Market whilst still maintaining that Labour accepts the vote of the British people to leave the EU.

Meanwhile, the Scottish Nationalist Party persists in its claim that since the majority of its people wanted to remain in the EU, it should somehow be allowed to remain in, even if the rest of the UK gets out.

Last thing I knew was that Scotland remained part of the UK and therefore just because a majority of people north of Carlisle voted to stay in they should be allowed to do so is as laughable as saying that because the majority of folk in Merseyside also voted against leaving, then Liverpool should remain within the EU too, while everyone surrounding it leaves!

I am sorry if my comments upset many folk of varying political colours - but it was that or an article about trains, so perhaps you should be grateful.

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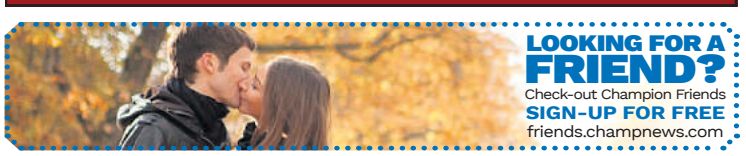

The North West Blood Bikes riders

£25,000 boost for vital medical supplies volunteer couriers

Report by **Henry James**

A VOLUNTARY, out-of-hours transport service for lifesaving medical supplies in Lancashire has been handed a five-figure funding boost.

North West Blood Bikes's £25,000 award was one of the 450-plus handed out to support the inspiring work of organisations and charities by the Aviva Community Fund.

Formed in May 2012, North West Blood Bikes transport urgent lifesaving medical supplies between hospitals out of 'normal' working hours - that is between 6.30pm and 2 am on weekdays, plus a 24-hour service at weekends. They also cover all bank holidays, including Christmas and New Year's Eve.

On average, the group is called out 10,000 times in a year and this number is constantly increasing.

As a result, two of their 10 bikes are in need of replacement and the award from the Aviva Community Fund will be used to purchase two new bikes.

The fund is a nationwide initiative launched in September 2016 which encourages passionate residents to submit a project close to their heart to be in with a chance of securing funding ranging from £1,000 up to £25,000.

Impact

Projects bidding for £25k and £5k generated the highest number of entries.

To drum up votes for its bid, North West Blood Bikes used their Facebook and Twitter pages posting a link to vote for their entry and encouraging followers to like and share it with the wider community.

Many of the other Blood Bikes and hospitals nationwide also got behind them, resulting in more than 17,000 votes for their entry.

Ian German, North West Blood Bikes volunteer, commented: "The award from the Aviva Community Fund is the highest sum we have ever won – it's absolutely fantastic and we're over the moon.

"The funding means that we can continue to transport lifesaving medical supplies to hospitals in our region and continue to expand our service. A sincere thank-you to everyone who voted for us."

Lindsay Forster, UK and Ireland Customer marketing director at Aviva, added: "We would like to congratulate North West Blood Bikes on their win. It shows the positive impact they have on their local community. The reaction from North West Blood Bikes and everyone who supported their campaign has been overwhelming."

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Call to support charity's campaign against fuel poverty

A NATIONAL charity that helps people in financial hardship gain access to welfare benefits, charitable grants and support services is calling on the residents of Lancashire to back its No Cold Homes fuel poverty campaign.

Despite more than 180,000 households in the county receiving the Winter Fuel Payment to help with energy costs last winter, Turn2us says that many will still cut back on heating their home this year because they are struggling financially.

Now the charity is asking people in Lancashire to help raise awareness of the help that is available for those struggling to heat their homes by sharing images of themselves in woolly clothes on social media with the hashtag #ShowUsYourWoolly, alongside the campaign hashtag #NoColdHomes.

The campaign, which has received huge support on social media, is raising awareness that many energy suppliers offer support towards winter energy bills to certain customers, such as those on low incomes, and that some energy suppliers have charitable trusts to help certain customers who are struggling with their energy bills.

Research carried out by the charity found that 52% of those looking for support were unaware that such help was available.

Lancashire residents are being urged to raise awareness of the No Cold Homes campaign

Turn2us is running the campaign to highlight the extent to which people are struggling to keep their home warm this winter and to raise awareness of the support that is available.

A survey of more than 4,000 people who went to Turn2us for support found that it was causing stress and worry for one in five, while one in six were cutting back on food to pay their energy bills.

Kathie Clarke, who leads the vulnerable customer work at Turn2us, said: "When cold weather comes it is essential that those who are worried about the cost of heating their home are made aware of the help that is available.

"I would ask people to support our campaign to help raise awareness and make sure that more people get the help they so desperately need."

Information about help that is available for those struggling with energy costs can be found at the charity's website www.turn2us.org.uk.

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Dr Linda Kaye

Edge Hill psychologists in bid to discover what emojis say about us

PSYCHOLOGISTS at Edge Hill University have set out to discover if emojis - the small digital images or icons used to express an idea or emotion in electronic communication - show true emotions and reveal a person's personality and intentions.

In a journal article published last week, Dr Linda Kaye and Dr Helen Wall asked whether the use of emojis on social networking sites can help people understand human personality and behaviour.

With 92% of the online population using them, the duo believe that by studying this communication individuals can gather information to understand human emotions and people's perceptions of each other.

Linda Kaye said: "Research into the use and interpretation of emojis is in its infancy but it has already been shown that they serve important non-verbal functions in communication and can even provide an insight into the user's personality.

Important

"Previous research has explored the neural processes in the brain and how this differs for sentences with and without emojis. Interestingly, those with emojis activated both the left and right sides of the brain.

"The right side is typically an area associated with the control of emotions, which suggests a different psychological response to emojis than in verbal tasks when typically the left side of the brain is primarily dominant.

"There is a need for us to study online behaviour to gain further insights into human behaviour. If we can understand online behaviour, the way people think and behave then we could also potentially predict behaviour in the 'real' world.

"This is particularly important when considering deviance online and how we can use online data as screening tools to help predict or tackle criminal behaviour."

● *The full article is written with Stephanie Malone from Australian Catholic University in Australia and is available to read in January's edition of Trends in Cognitive Science (Cell).*

Office plans submitted

PLANS have been submitted for the creation of two new office buildings in Pippin Street, Burscough.

Applicants Bentley Investments Inc have submitted an application to West Lancs Borough Council for permssion to develop the new buildings, car park and landscaping on land north of the junction with Liverpool Road South.

Local residents have until Friday, February 3 to submit their views on the proposals to the council.

Health experts highlight benefits of being more active

HEALTH experts in West Lancashire, Southport and Formby are highlighting the benefits of eating healthier and being more active to patients as they focus on New Year's resolutions.

Dr Bapi Biswas, a GP in Ormskirk and Skelmersdale and GP executive lead at NHS West Lancashire Clinicial Commissioning Group, said: "The gym isn't for all of us. For some being more active might be walking to the top of their road to get the newspaper. For others it will be going for a jog and walking around a local park.

Dr Bapi Biswas

"We all have different targets but it is proven that regular exercise can lower the risk of many health conditions - including type 2 diabetes, depression and dementia - and it doesn't need to be costly."

Talking about Dry January, Dr Biswas continued: "We really encourage Dry January as it has been proven that after taking part, many people have more energy, improved sleep and many cut down on alcohol in the months following it so it does have its benefits."

Evidence shows that a month after participating in Dry January in 2016:

- 79 per cent of participants saved money.
- 62 per cent had better sleep and more energy.
- 49 per cent lost weight.

Dr Rob Caudwell, local GP and NHS Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Group chair, added: "Now that we are in 2017 why not think about the year ahead and perhaps set some targets to improve your health?

"After indulging over the festive period, many of us naturally start to think about cutting down at the start of the new year, whether it be taking part in Dry January, deciding to stop smoking or just generally eating healthier and cutting down on treats.

"All of these can help with health issues, along with being more active. It is important though that we try and maintain all of these things throughout the year."

West Lancashire residents who are thinking about stopping smoking but would like some advice can contact the Quit Squad on 0800 328 6297.

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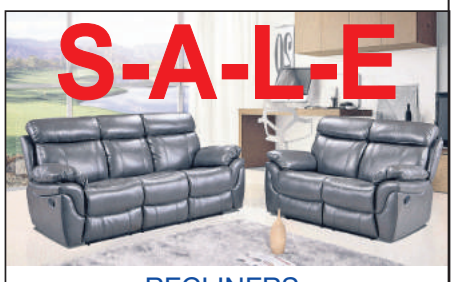

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Green light for new station on Ormskirk Merseyrail line

How the proposed new Maghull North rail station building could look

Work on Maghull North site due to start in August

THE creation of a new railway station on the Ormskirk branch of Merseyrail's Northern Line has moved a step closer after planning permission was granted for the scheme at a meeting of Sefton Council's planning committee meeting on Wednesday, January 18.

Councillors approved plans for the new Maghull North station, which will be located just off School Lane, between the existing Maghull and Town Green stations.

The £13m scheme is being funded through the government's Local Growth Fund (LGF), Merseytravel and the Homes and Communities Association, which currently owns the land on which the station will be built. It will form part of the wider £340m investment by Network Rail and the Liverpool City Region in rail improvements over the next three years.

Provision

Facilities at the new station will include a staffed station building and ticket office with passenger toilet; waiting facilities on platform; step-free access with lifts and a bridge to, from and between both platforms and the station building; and 156-space car park with blue badge, motorcycle parking and cycle storage.

There will also be future provision for electric vehicle charging points.

Work is due to start on site in August 2017, with the station opening planned for May 2018.

Councillor Gordon Friel, Merseytravel deputy-chair and lead member for rail, said: "It's great news that the new station development at Maghull North has been given planning approval as it will provide a real boost to the local community.

"It is another example of our Long Term Rail Strategy being put in to practice and will encourage more people to use public transport for both commuting to work and leisure activities."

Jan Chaudhry-van der Velde, Merseyrail's managing director, said: "We welcome this decision and look forward to serving and running the station as part of the Merseyrail network once it is completed.

"It will bring the benefits of quick, easy-to-use and good value local rail services to more residents, and provide them with good links into Liverpool and a variety of other destinations by rail."

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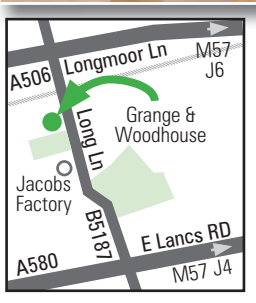

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New platform offers patients easy access to top-rated health apps

VISITORS to the Lancashire Care Foundation Trust's website will now be able to get easy access to the best-rated health apps available online, safe in the knowledge that they have been through a rigorous review process and rated accordingly.

Thousands of people in the area use apps every day to help manage health issues and medical conditions, as well as to generally improve their health and wellbeing.

With a choice of around 165,000 on the market though, finding the best can be a difficult and confusing process with the quality varying and some offering no medical benefit or even presenting risks to the user.

Now though the new ORCHA (Organisation for the Review of Care and Health Apps) platform links to a range of apps that have received impartial reviews by doctors and other clinical experts, with scoring criteria to help people make informed decisions.

Once you've decided which app to try, ORCHA will easily allow you to download it direct from the website.

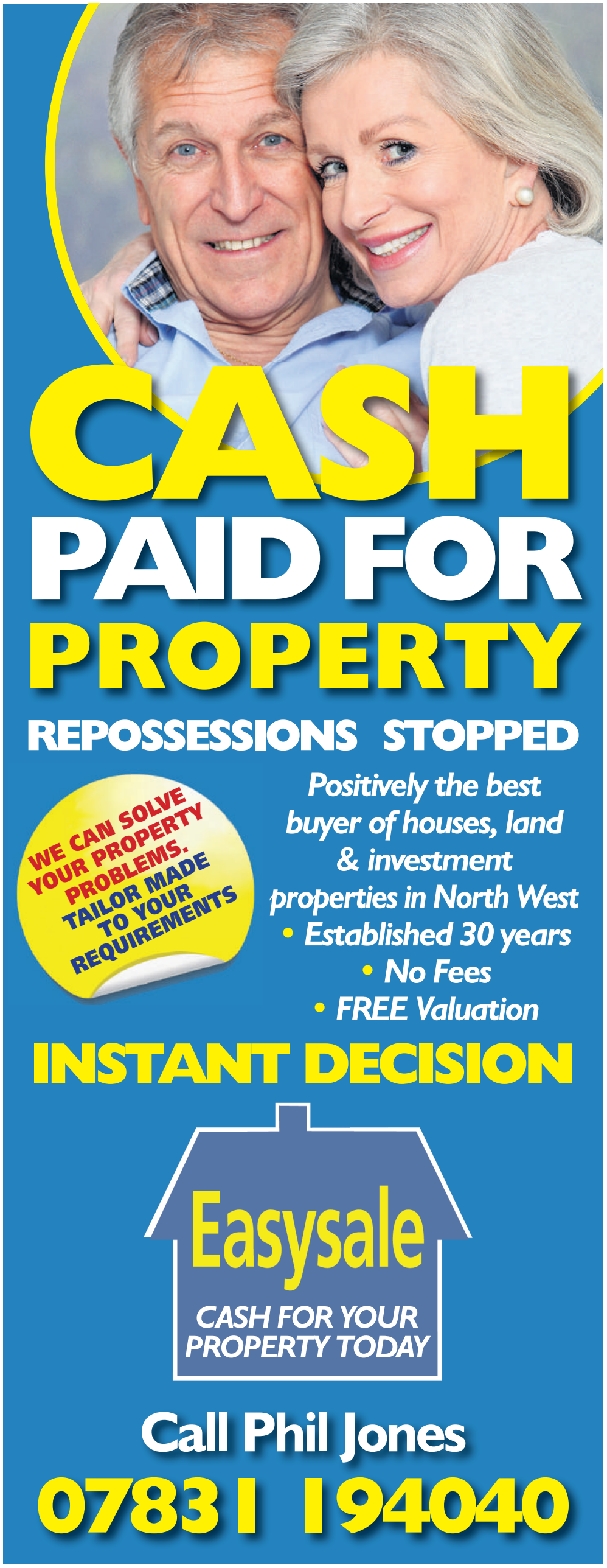
The introduction of ORCHA is part of a drive across Lancashire and South Cumbria to find new ways of helping people to care for their own health and well-being for as long as they possibly can. With the current pressures on the NHS and social care, trusted health apps and digital solutions could also help save some money along the way.

The many across Lancashire who use health apps will now be able to find the best as judged by doctors and clinical experts

Dr Amanda Thornton, clinical director for Lancashire Care Foundation Trust, said: "This is hugely exciting for the people of Lancashire and South Cumbria as well as the clinicians who support them. Health and care apps can offer a huge benefit to patients, really empowering them to manage and improve their health. However there is a huge choice out there, so ORCHA really helps people to understand which are the best and most trustworthy.

"It's win-win for clinicians too as we can be assured by ORCHA's review process that the apps that are getting the highest scores are the ones that will be the best for us to recommend to patients."

For more information, go to lancashire.orcha.co.uk or lancashirecare.nhs.uk.



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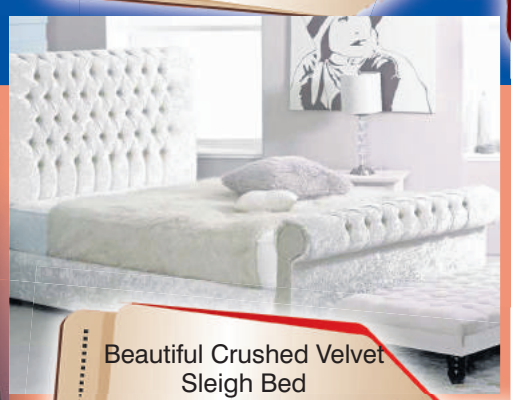

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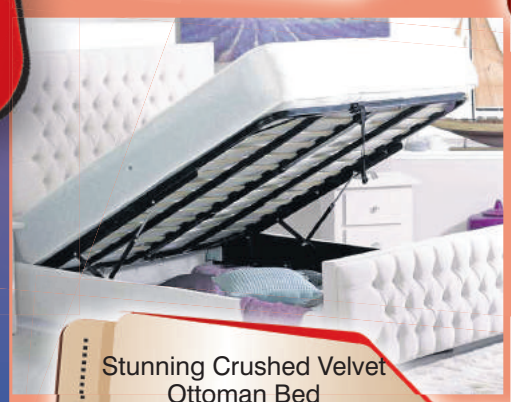

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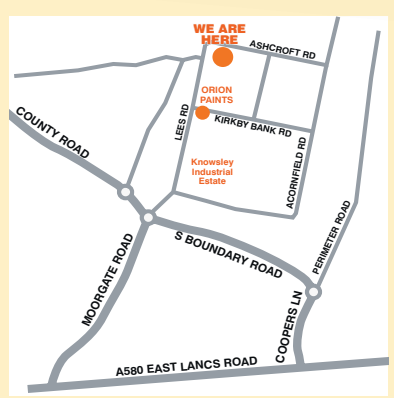

Ormksirk heritage showcase to launch gallery's 2017 programme

THE Chapel Gallery's programme for 2017 kicks off with three events, including one dedicated to the venue's 'home' town.

Celebrating Ormskirk Heritage is a showcase running from Wednesday, January 25 to Saturday, March 25, tracing the town's history from a medieval market and its famous Gingerbread story, to Georgian opulence and free medical services for the poor. This is a lively look at Ormskirk's heritage as seen through the detailed stage sets and drawings of local artist, Angie Thompson.

The exhibition is funded by West Lancs Council and the Heritage Lottery and is part of Ormskirk Community Partnership's Ormskirk Gingerbread Project - Celebrating Ormskirk's Heritage.

Also running from January 25 to March 25 is the Great Art Quest, a celebration of young people's imagination for which the Chapel Gallery has been selected as a venue by the prestigious Children in the Arts organisation.

Inspired by visits to the Chapel Gallery, and working with expert facilitators, Sharon Kelly, Andy Shaw and Izzie Major, talented youngsters from four Skelmerdale Schools - Little Digmoor, St Francis of Assisi, Hillside and Brookfield Park - have collaborated to produce this lively showcase of their work.

The Great Art Quest is a UK-wide arts project by Children & the Arts, sponsored by GAM (UK) Ltd.

Inspired

Meanwhile, visitors to the Magical Geometry exhibition (January 28-March 25) will find artworks inspired by the spirals of galaxies and shells through to their very own DNA double helix, the beauty of hexagonal snowflakes and the ancient architecture of the Egyptians.

The exhibition is a celebration of shape, symmetry and pattern – the mysterious magic of geometry. At a special opening event on January 28 visitors can enjoy free, family-friendly activities. Exhibiting artists are Emma Bennett, Louisa Chambers, Damian Cruikshank, Stephen Cunliffe, Lisa Jones, Collette Lilley, Arthur Roberts and Jason Thompson.

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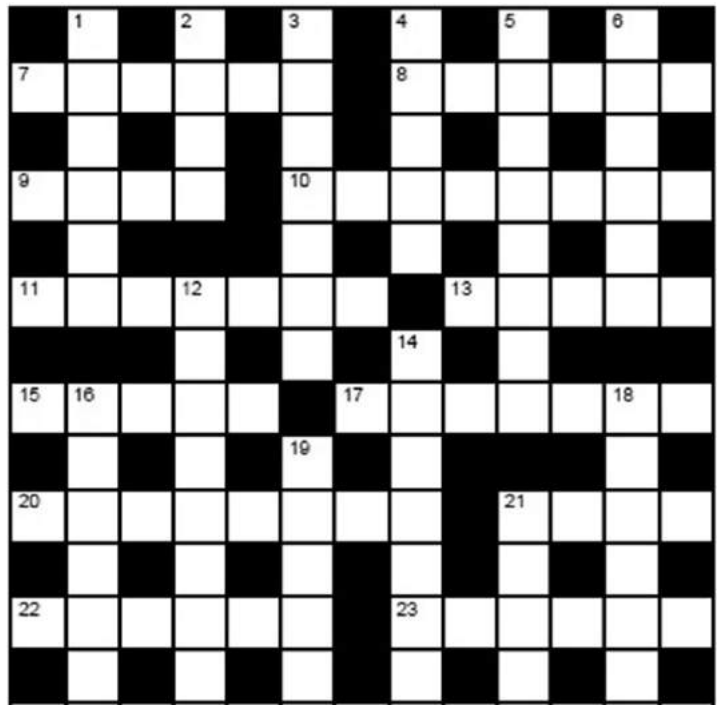

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7 Nitwit. 8 Head-on. 9 Ooze. 10 Indicate. 11 Bifocal. 13 Smoke. 15 Perch. 16 Quinine. 18 Flippant. 19 Acts. 21 Ascend. 22 Iberia.

Down: 1 Fino. 2 Owner-occupier. 3 Ethical. 4 Shady. 5 Catchment area. 6 Goatskin. 12 Idealist. 14 Sustain. 17 Bandy. 20 Toil.

ACROSS

7. A fence made from pointed wooden or metal posts (6)
8. Story or play appearing in regular instalments on TV or radio (6)
9. Hint, indication (4)
10. Cardinal number the product of 10 x 100 (8)
11. A line of hereditary rulers of a country (7)
13. Person thought of as holy or virtuous in Christian faith (5)
15. Kingdom (5)
17. Make more agreeable (7)
20. Moved forward (8)
21. Assists (4)
22. Socially awkward (6)
23. Scaly reptile typically having elongated body and tail and four legs (6)

DOWN

1. Hardy cereal used in brewing (6)
2. Lively dance style usually performed to rock and roll music (4)
3. To disturb, cause a stir (7)
4. Royal racecourse (5)
5. Male gland located just below the bladder (8)
6. Heavy piece of artillery typically mounted on wheels (6)
12. Association formed for mutual benefit (8)
14. Twist, move or fiddle with (7)
16. Cause to be loved (6)
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19. Group of eight (5)
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Community hub to 'unite' care providers

A HOST of care providers are teaming up to share inspirational ideas once a month in a new forum for elderly care across the North West.

Athena Health Care Group's head of healthcare Gaye Clark and events co-ordinator Lesley Malone are spearheading the launch of a new community hub, which follows on from the launch of their Community Care Forum (CCF) in September 2015, which brings together services across the borough to fully integrate all elderly residents into the community.

Athena Health Care Group has two homes, Parklands Lodge in Southport and Abbey Wood Lodge in Ormskirk. Their existing forum, the CCF, brings together relevant agencies and charities to meet every three months to discuss how to ensure that all elderly residents do not feel isolated from the local community across West Lancs.

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Forum

Their new forum, the Community Activities Hub for all Boroughs, will build on the progress they have made by allowing activity co-ordinators from care providers from across the North West to share ideas and plans for individual home and group home activities and days out – with an 'open door' policy to allow them to team up for all the activities that they would like to share!

The Hub will be launched at 2pm on Thursday, March 16 at The Civic on Southport Road in Ormskirk by Everton Football Club's events organiser Henry Mooney, who runs a number of events for elderly residents from across the North West.

Skelmersdale Community Singers will sing at the event and there will be light refreshments including tea, coffee and cakes.

The Hub will take place once a month at the Civic, with attendees paying a £2 donation each time towards the costs.
of hosting the meetings.

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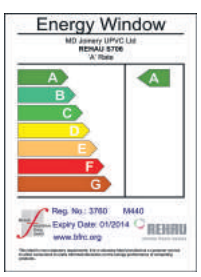

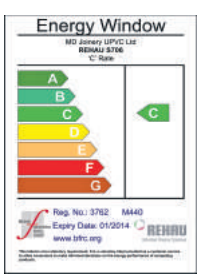

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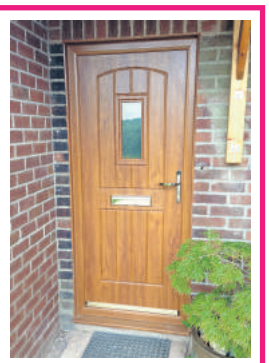

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Care trust's sexual health service given 'good' rating by quality commission

Report by **Henry James**

THE Care Quality Commission (CQC), has commended the Lancashire Care National Health Trust's Contraception and Sexual Health Service (CaSH) in its most recent inspection report.

The service, which began operating under a new specification only last April, underwent a full comprehensive inspection in September 2016 from the health industry's independent regulator.

This involved an 80-strong inspection team spending a week at the trust inspecting services, including CaSH, at locations across the county.

Both CaSH and the trust itself were rated 'good'.

CaSH provides an all-age sexual health service in Blackburn with Darwen and an under-25s service in the areas covered by Lancashire County Council in conjunction with Brook, the young people's sexual health and wellbeing charity.

The service is also supported by a Community Education (CeSH) Team which provides sexual health promotion services in schools, colleges and universities and communities.

Some extracts from the reports include:

- Committed, competent and patient-focussed staff despite recent changes
- Adequate staffing numbers with a wide range of skills matching patient needs
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Anji Stokes

- Managers showed good leadership and supported staff to deliver high standards of care

Anji Stokes, community education lead for the Contraception and Sexual Health team at Lancashire Care, said: "We are delighted with the results of the inspection, especially given that we are a newly-formed team operating under a new service specification across Lancashire and in Blackburn with Darwen.

"The result is testament to the commitment of staff and the organisation to provide the best possible care to our service users.

"We are confident that as our service continues to develop and through working closely with our partners and patients we will continue to improve on the already 'good' result and will be working towards achieving a rating of 'outstanding' in the future."

Last year, the CaSH service was awarded the Lancashire LGBT Quality Mark, a quality assurance programme for service providers that assists in measuring how well the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender service users, volunteers and staff are met.

To contact your local CaSH team, book an appointment or find out about 'drop-ins' call 01772 401140. To find out more about services in your area, visit www.lancashirecare.nhs.uk.uk/cash-lancashire.

Chance to join new social group

WEST Lancs residents of all ages looking to make new friends and try out new activities are invited to join a new social group in Bickerstaffe.

The Divine Days Community Arts Project, which has bases in Burscough and Skelmersdale, was founded by Katie Whitehead, who runs therapeutic and educational programmes for individuals with additional needs, including creative dance and drama workshops.

Members of the community group are launching Bickerstaffe Connections on Monday, February 6 at 1.30pm at Bickerstaffe Four Lane Ends Mission on Skelmersdale Road.

The monthly two-hour sessions will feature activities including dominoes, draughts, boccia (similar to indoor bowls), chess, cards, games, puzzles, clay modelling, painting, knitting, jigsaws, storytelling and reminiscence books, local history books, maps and viewing artefacts from the 1930s to the present day, as well as music.

One of the organisers, Edward McCarthy said: "Divine Days' Bickerstaffe Connections is a friendly social group and we look forward to welcoming you to join us at regular social afternoons at the Mission, with other local older people who come to enjoy a few happy hours out and about in a relaxed atmosphere sharing light refreshments and friendly company with others.

"Come for a cuppa and a chat, or perhaps enjoy reviving past hobbies and interests with us."

The next sessions will be held on Monday, March 6; Monday, April 3 and Monday, May 8. Entry costs £2 per session. For more details, email Edward@divinedays.co.uk or call 07971 299 606.

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Picture House releases details of its Spring season

PARBOLD Picture House has released details of its Sunday films and live transmissions for the Spring of 2017.

On Thursday, February 2 at 7pm there is the National Theatre presentation of Peter Schaffer's Amadeus.

Then on Sunday, February 5 Hell or High Water can be seen. Post 2008 financial and property crash, two brothers plan to rescue the family home by 'robin-hooding' the banks that are robbing them. A Texas Ranger wants one last chase before his retirement The old and the new West collide…

Wild will be shown on Sunday, February 19. It is based on the true story chronicle of one woman's solo, 1,100 mile hike along the USA's Pacific coast as a way to recover from a recent personal tragedy.

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The Thrill of Love was an 'absorbing' play

Review by Ellen Campbell

The Thrill of Love
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THE Thrill of Love written by Amanda Whittington is not so much a "Whodunnit" but a "Whydunnit". Based on the true story of Ruth Ellis, the last woman to be hanged in Britain, Whittington wrote the play from the perspective of Ellis's female friends relating the events leading up to the shooting of David Blakely by Ruth and her later conviction.

The scene is set in the seedy world of London nightclubs with a half-lit stage creating just the right amount of atmosphere, enhanced by background music of Billie Holliday.

Ruth works as a hostess supplying drinks and "extras" to the rich and famous while dreaming of Hollywood, but in reality abuse, abortion, sleaze and downtrodden women are the norm. Ruth is played by Linda Millar who gives a brilliant performance of a woman initially funny and vivacious, only to become a deeply damaged individual through her abusive relationship with her boyfriend, Blakely, and becoming his victim through love.

Dyan Ensenat excelled at portraying cynical nightclub manageress, Sylvia, Ruth's boss and friend, who tries to explain to the working girls that men just aren't worth the heartache and seems to enjoy telling Ruth at the end that she certainly got famous as she wanted but in Holloway rather than Hollywood!

Ruth meets Vickie, a model and actress, who is also looking for the bright lights and action and loves to name drop and show off her figure. Sam Roberts was superb as Vickie, showing an innate self-confidence that her friend lacked.

Becky Weymouth gave an excellent performance as Doris, the sensible charwoman, confidante to Ruth, comforting her at her most vulnerable and trying to make her see sense.

Linking all the scenes together was Dave Walker as D.I. Jack Gale, who exudes a certain warmth for Ruth although more than a little perplexed that she will not defend herself. He questions her relentlessly and even up to the very end wants her to explain why she killed Blakely.

The play needed careful listening and it became quite absorbing and thought provoking. It seems incredible to think someone was hanged for this crime in 1955 when nowadays they would probably get 10 years imprisonment at the very most, with so many mitigating circumstances. How times have changed.

Directed by Tony Burke who did a great job in bringing these sentiments to life.

Star rating 8 out of 10. Very well acted. Absorbing and thought provoking.

Win a pair of tickets to see hit Kinks musical

Garmon Rhys (Pete Quaife), Ryan O'Donnell (Ray Davies), Andrew Gallo (Mick Avory) and Mark Newnham (Dave Davies) in Sunny Afternoon. Photo Kevin Cummins

Popular West End show coming to the Liverpool Empire next month

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Sunny Afternoon has music and lyrics by Ray Davies with a book by Joe Penhall and original story by Ray Davies. It is directed by Edward Hall, designed by Miriam Buether with choreography by Adam Cooper. Lighting design is by Rick Fisher with sound design by Matt McKenzie for Autograph. The musical supervisor is Elliott Ware.

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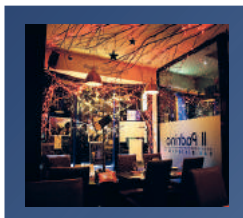

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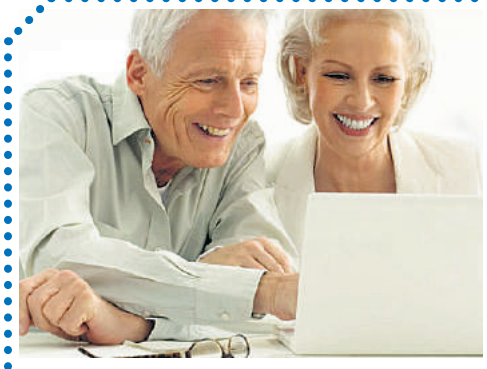

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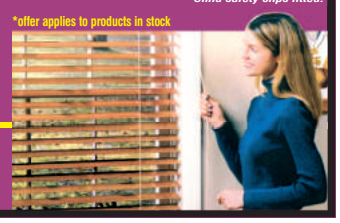

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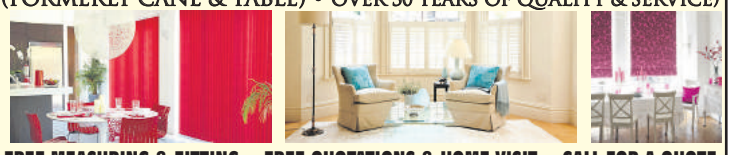

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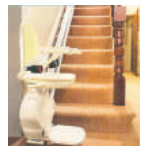

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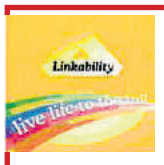

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BYRON DAVE

The family of the late Dave Byron wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement. Also for the cards, letters of condolence and donations. Special thanks to Sefton District Nurses. Thanks to Reverend Viv for a comforting service and the staff of The Co-op Funeralcare, Maghull for funeral arrangements.

BUNTING BERNARD

The family of the late Bernard Bunting wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement. Also for the cards and donations to Pardoe Court. Special thanks to all who tended to him on 27th December 2016 on Junction Lane, Burscough. Thanks to Reverend Simon Glynn for a comforting service and to Lorraine and the staff of Cookson Tyrer in Burscough for funeral arrangements.

DEATHS

DAY ANNE MARGARET ELIZABETH

17th January 2017
After a short illness peacefully at home aged 79 years

Much loved Wife of Tom. Much loved Mum of Fiona and Trudi, Caring Nan of Emma, John, Gary, Kirstie and Hannah, and Great-Grandmother of Farrell, Jolie, Ellie-May, Courtney, Carson, and George. Loving Sister of Joy and the late Robert and David. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
The Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Tuesday 31st January 2017 at 11:30am. Family flowers only by request please, but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Cancer Research UK and Queenscourt Hospice. Further enquiries to Cookson Tyrer Funeralcare, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU. Tel: 01704 897770

ANGELL BRIDGET JOSEPHINE (JOSIE)

20th January 2017
Peacefully at Aaron Crest Nursing home, Skelmersdale, aged 81 years

The dearly loved Mum of Alan, Stephen and Andrew, dear Mother-in-law of Ann, Jill and Lynn, devoted Nan of Cheryl, John, Caitlin, Daniel and Rebecca, Great Nan to Oliver, Rowan, James and Sophie and much loved Sister of Jean, Pat, Maureen and Billy. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Tuesday 31st January 2017 at 10.45 am. All enquiries to H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk and Scarisbrick. Tel 01695 722122/720012.

DEATHS

HALTON THOMAS HENRY

16th January 2017
Aged 92 years

Surrounded by his loving family. Dearly loved Husband of the late Nancy. Proud and loving Father of Keith and Lynda, Father-in-law to Jean. Perfect Grandad to Steve, Phil, Clare and Sue and devoted Great-Grandad to his nine Great-Grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by all his family and friends. Service to be held at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 31st January at 11.20am. Family flowers only please but donations are being gratefully received for Cancer Research UK. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport. Telephone: 01704 500086.

SORMAZ PANÉ (BARNEY)

Ex Wimpey, Lord Street
21st January 2017
Aged 90 years

Died peacefully at home with his family by his side. Darling Husband of Frances, precious Dad of Angela and Alison and dear Father-in-law of John and Paul. Dearly loved Grandad of Jordan, Josh, Jasmine, Mia and Luca. Pané will be greatly missed by all his family in Serbia and all who knew him. Service to be held at Emmanuel Parish Church on Friday 3rd February at 10.15 am followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations are being gratefully received for Diabetes UK and Cancer Research UK, please make cheques payable to the respective charities. Donations and enquires to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086

DEATHS

STARKEY BERYL LILIAN

After a long illness in St Josephs Hospice

Aged 73 years.

Dearly Beloved Wife of Ron. Much loved Mother of David, Simon and Nikki. Dear Mother-in-Law of Mike. Dear Nana of Holly, Rebecca, Hannah and Brittany. Will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at 10.40am on Thursday 2nd February 2017 at Thornton Crematorium. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for St Josephs Hospice, Thornton. Further enquiries please to The CoOp Funeralcare, 36 Westway, Maghull L31 0AB Tel: 0151 527 1709

BEECHAM JOAN

R.I.P

15th January 2017

Aged 91 years

Dearly loved Wife of Bob, loving Mother to Ian, Gary, Philip and the late Shirley, Grandmother to Grant. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Requiem Mass at St Patrick's R.C Church on Friday 27th January at 10.00am followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

HURST NORMAN

20th January 2017
aged 93 years
peacefully at
Beaufort Care Home

Loving Father,

Grandfather and

Great-Grandfather.

Family flowers only but donations, if desired to British Heart Foundation.

Funeral Service will take place at Lathom Park Chapel on Monday 6th February at 10:45am. Followed by committal at Southport Crematorium.

All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors

128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk, L39 2EY

Tel: 01695 572997

DEATHS

DUNN GEORGE STEPHEN

Passed away Peacefully on 14th January 2017
Aged 89 years of Aughton.

Dearly loved wife of Mary. Much loved Dad of Annmarie and Ian and Grandad of Shaun, Louis, Chloe, James and Thomas. Loved and Missed by all his Family and Friends. Funeral Service at St. Annes Church Ormskirk on Tuesday 24th January 2017 at 1.30 pm, followed by committal at West Lancs Crematorium. Family flowers only by request, but donations are being gratefully received for Cancer Research. Donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tele 01695 424888.

LUDLOW NEE BROWN ELIZABETH (BETTY)

Died peacefully at home in the presence of her dearly beloved husband, Stan, on 9th January 2017.

Betty is survived by close members of her beloved family, husband Stan, daughters Joanne & Judith, son-in-law Graham & granddaughters Hannah, Rachel & Beccy. Her Requiem Mass is at 10.30am on 26th January 2017 at St Anne's RC Church, Ormskirk. For any further details please call 07763 757054 or 07807 143105.

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2. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours on Monday 30th January 2017 until 1700 hours on Friday 3rd February 2017 or, until completion of the works within this period.
3. Nothing in Article 1 of this Order shall make it unlawful to proceed over the said road if the vehicle is being used for or in connection with the conveyance of persons, goods or merchandise to or from any premises situated on or adjacent to the said road;

This Order may be cited as Lancashire County Council (Dicconsons Lane, Halsall, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition of through Traffic) Order 2017

Dated this 6th day of January 2017.

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 15 PUBLICATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
PLANNING APPLICATION NO - LCC/2017/0007
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - EXTENSION TO EXISTING PORTAL FRAMED SHED TO HOUSE 4 NO BIOMASS BOILERS WITH ASSOCIATED FUEL SILOS AND DRYING FLOOR AT TOWER HOUSE, STOPGATE LANE, SIMONSWOOD

I give notice that Simonswood Properties Ltd is applying to the Lancashire County Council for the above development.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, plans and documents at Lancashire County Council, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD or at the Planning Department, West Lancashire Borough Council, Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, during normal office hours until 15 February 2017.The application can also be viewed on the County Council's website **planningregister.lancashire.gov.uk**

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the County Council by 15 February 2017 at the above address, via email DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk or via 'Have your Say' on the County Council's website.

Information regarding the decision will be available on the website within 5 working days of the decision. Details on how to speak at the Development Control Committee are also available on the web page

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NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 PUBLICATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
PLANNING APPLICATION NO - LCC/2017/0008
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - VARIATION OF CONDITION 4 OF PERMISSION 08/11/1283 TO ALSO PERMIT THE STORAGE AND BLENDING OF SOILS, SAND/MINERALS AND ORGANIC COMPOST AT UNIT 3 SIMONSWOOD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE OFF STOPGATE LANE SIMONSWOOD KNOWSLEY

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PUBLIC NOTICES

West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2017/0016/OUT Outline - erection of 5 no. detached residential dwellings following demolition of existing buildings, including details of access, landscaping, and layout at Site Of Boydells Farm, Higher Lane, Dalton.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/0657/FUL Erection of boundary wall and new vehicular/pedestrian access to the farmhouse at 49 Elmers Green, Skelmersdale.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.
Application No: 2016/0658/LBC Listed Building Consent - Erection of boundary wall and gate post at 49 Elmers Green, Skelmersdale.
Application No: 2016/1162/FUL Construct detached garage at The Pines, Croston Road, Rufford.
Application No: 2016/1272/FUL Variation of Condition No. 3 imposed by planning permission 2016/0708/FUL (proposed roofing material) at Land Adjacent To, 13 Smithy Lane, Scarisbrick.
Application No: 2016/1277/FUL Change of use of first floor and part ground floor to 6 bed student accommodation at Cancer Research UK, 4 Aughton Street, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2016/1309/FUL Alterations to the existing property, incorporating a basement. Single storey side extension, with a pitched roof and roof lights. Two storey rear extension, with balcony area. A new detached garage/gym to the side of the house. New boundary treatment to the front and associated landscaping works throughout the site. Alterations to existing vehicle and pedestrian access at 18 Granville Park, Aughton.
Application No: 2017/0007/COU Conversion of barn to residential use and associated works at 61 Becconsall Lane, Hesketh Bank.
Application No: 2017/0008/LBC Listed Building Consent - Conversion of barn to residential use and associated works at 61 Becconsall Lane, Hesketh Bank.
Application No: 2017/0013/FUL Existing manual doorset to be removed and replaced with automatic bi-fold doors at W H Smith, 13 Moor Street, Ormskirk.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI — Dated: 25th January 2017
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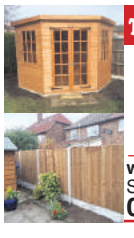
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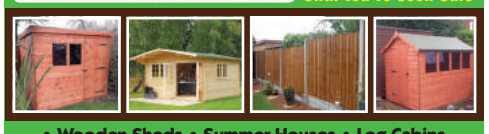
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IT'S happened again. A company specialising in plucky British sports cars has gone into administration. This time it's a tiny manufacturer based in Norfolk and best known for its flyweight two-seaters. No, not THAT one.

This time it's Zenos, which barely a few weeks after getting its rev-happy E10S onto *The Grand Tour* has had to bring in the suits and a steady supply of red ink.

All of which makes it a proper British sports car – and I love proper British sports cars.

History is littered with examples of blokes mixing mainstream motoring engineering – regardless of whether it's an old A-series lump or the nifty Ford Ecoboost engine you get in the E10 – with neatly styled roadsters designed to be enjoyed al fresco.

But for every Morgan or Lotus you end up with countless others going out of fashion.

All those Elvas and Austin-Healeys. Marauders and Marcoses. Gilberns and Gordon-Keebles. The list goes on and on. But I wouldn't write the Zenos E10 off as another entry in I-Spy book on Obscure British Sports Cars just yet.

Partly because it's been picking up some pretty good reviews – including from James May in its aforementioned telly appearance – but also because the thing Brit sports car firms do really well other than going into administration is bouncing back.

Fellow Norfolk firm Lotus has a long history of being in trouble – but they're still going strong after nearly 70 years. Aston-Martin spent decades struggling to make a profit before Ford took it under its wing and launched the DB7. TVR is due to relaunch later this year and even AC – which can trace its roots all the way back to 1901, despite going bust a couple of times along the way – will still sell you something that looks vaguely like a new Cobra.

I reckon the E10, with its not massively unobtainable £27k pricetag, familiar Ford engines, glowing reviews and a ready-made audience in Britain's booming track day industry deserves another crack.

I love proper British sports cars like the E10. Says the man who's on his second Mazda MX-5…

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Official fuel consumption figures in mpg: (l/100km) ///Focus Titanium 1.0 EcoBoost 100PS Manual: urban 49.6 (5.7), extra urban 72.4 (3.9), combined 61.4 (4.7) Official CO2 emission 105 g/km. ///Fiesta Zetec 1.25 82PS 3door: urban 41.5 (6.8), extra urban 65.7 (4.3), combined 54.3 (5.2) Official CO2 emission 122 g/km.///Retail only. Pictures for illustration purposes only. Subject to availability. Contact us for terms and conditions. Finance subject to status. Guarantees and Indemnities may be required. You will not own the car at the end of the agreement.Deposit allowance only available when financed with Ford Credit. Purchase fee (where applicable) is payable with Optional Final Payment if you wish to own the vehicle at the end of the agreement. Further charges may be made subject to the condition of the vehicle if the vehicle is returned at the end of the finance agreement. All figures include VAT unless indicated otherwise

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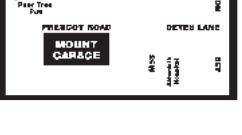

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High flying opponents will set tough test for youthful Skem side

SKELMERSDALE will hope to return to winning ways this Saturday, but they face a tough test in the form of a home fixture against third-placed Spennymoor Town.

Tommy Lawson's youthful side are rooted to the bottom of the Evo-Stik Premier Division table and in desperate need of getting some points on the board in their fight to avoid relegation.

After a run of ten games without a win, opposition in the form of title challengers is hardly the fixture the fans will have wanted.

In the reverse fixture back in October, Spennymoor ran out 7-0 winners in what is still easily Skelmersdale's biggest loss of the season.

But they will hope to have striker Harry Blackburn back from injury to give them a huge boost, with the young forward making quite the impression in recent games.

Skelmersdale are currently two points off nearest placed Ilkeston, but they have played two games less.

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Winless run goes on but youngsters show promise

By Neil Leatherbarrow

Warrington Town 2
Skelmersdale 0

SKELMERSDALE'S winless run stretched to ten games after two headed goals from Warrington Town made the difference.

Unfortunately for Skelmersdale, they had three influential players missing from the squad, with two suspended and forward Harry Blackburn injured.

But Skelmersdale started well and in the eighth minute could have taken the lead but for a good diving save from former Southport goalkeeper Tony McMillan.

Tom Grivosti put a well weighted ball over the top of the Warrington defence, Dean Shacklock chased the bouncing ball and shot powerfully to McMillan's right, but the keeper got down well and parried the ball away.

Warrington started to assert their physical superiority and Skelmersdale goalkeeper Chris Cheetham plucked the ball off Ciaran Kilheeney's head and tipped another header from Evan Gumbs over his crossbar.

Skelmersdale's Dean Shacklock in action. Picture by John Driscoll

The opening goal arrived on 22 minutes and you could argue that maybe the move was rehearsed. A short corner on the left was rolled to Scot Metcalfe; he crossed deep to the far post, where Samuel Ilesamni evaded his marker and header home.

The rest of the half was closely fought, and barring a header from Ilesamni that went over the crossbar there wasn't much to warm the crowd on a cold afternoon.

The second period was pretty scrappy too.

In the 62nd minute Warrington won a free-kick half way between the corner flag and the 18 yard box.

Dylan Vassallo swung the ball in and Lewis Codling had a fairly free header at the near post to make it 2-0.

Skelmersdale made changes and came more into the game, Alex Davies put a shot into the side-netting on 64 minutes, then on 77 minutes Shacklock was put through, but he just couldn't seem to get his shot in and the ball dropped to Strickland, who saw his effort go over the top.

Warrington lacked the ambition or ability to build on their lead and for similar reasons Skelmersdale never really threatened to equalise.

League leaders Blyth left flattered by scoreline after spirited effort

Skelmersdale United 1
Blyth Spartans 4

GIVEN a bit more luck in front of goal in the first-half Skem might have pushed Blyth much closer than the score suggests, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Matters for Skem were not helped when Blyth struck in the fifth minute a misunderstanding between goalkeeper Chris Cheetham and a defender leaving marksman Dan McGuire with the simplest of tap-ins.

Skelmersdale went on the offensive and three minutes later they were unlucky not to equalise. Kenny Strickland's corner caused mayhem and the ball dropped to Dean Shacklock whose snappy effort looked destined for the net until the Spartans right-winger Jarrett Rivers managed to block the ball on the goal-line.

Two more attempts soon followed. First Blyth goalkeeper Paul Woolstone saved at Harry Blackburn's feet then Blackburn went down to a crescendo of penalty appeals but they were waved away.

A minute into added time Blyth keeper Woolstone cleared long into the Skelmersdale half, McGuire ran onto the ball and despatched it into the net to make it 2-0 to Blyth.

Blyth are not top of the league for no reason and this was quickly demonstrated after half-time, with a fine example of how to finish a game off.

Dale was felled on the left-hand side and took the free-kick himself, firing the ball low into the near-post area, where Ryan Hutchinson flicked it into the far corner for a well rehearsed and executed move.

The game then became quite open with excitement at both ends.

Man of the match Dylan Smith pulled a goal back for Skem on 75 minutes.

Strickland played a wonderful through ball Smith ran onto it and after taking the ball twenty yards fired it firmly into the far corner of the net.

In the end it could be said that the final Blyth goal flattered them a bit, livewire substitute Adam Wrightson going clear deep into added time and chipping the ball into the Skem net.

Linnets' mini revival comes to an abrupt end

Droylsden 4
Burscough 1

BURSCOUGH'S mini revival came to an abrupt end after conceding four against in-form Droylsden.

The Linnets had won their previous two league games but came undone in the second half on Saturday when they conceded three goals.

Despite being on the back foot in the opening exchanges, Burscough were awarded a penalty, but captain Phil Bannister couldn't give them the lead with the keeper making the save.

Six minutes before half time and it was the home side who took the lead

A ball through the centre of the defence was taken on the chest by Steve Hall, who controlled it to fire home.

However, it could have easily been all square only two minutes later when James Coates made a save to deny Callum Mahoney.

Burscough looked the stronger side in the opening minutes of the second half and drew level when the Bloods defence failed to clear to allow Reece McNally to score.

It was short-lived though and Burscough gave away a free kick just outside the area, almost from kick off, and Domaine Rouse's shot crept inside the post.

Both teams had chances to score, Steve Hall's header as he found himself unmarked from a Daly free kick was tipped over the bar by Mottram while at the other end Coates repeated the save of his opposite number, tipping Holmes's header from a free kick over the bar.

The game was put out of reach for Burscough when Tom Peers made it 3-1 to Droylsden.

The same player then put the result in no doubt after scoring from almost the same spot to make it 4-1.

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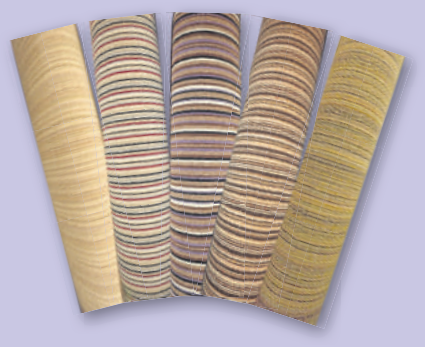

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The business was created in 2011 by two brothers Michael and Lee Parker and Mearl Kain with over 20 years butchers experience each.

The company's mission is to deliver fresh quality meat to all our customers no matter how large or small at the best possible price. Working with individuals to suit specific requirements and needs, West Lancs Butchers' success lies in providing the highest standard in service and products.

The company uses 'red tractor poultry' and 'eblex' quality British meat, so that the best quality meat is sourced at all times and consistently. The excellent traceability policy in place means that West Lancs Butchers know all their products from farm gate to the customer.

This family run business works together with both the F.S.A and West Lancs council ensuring that the business is run efficiently and correctly. Thanks to all the measures in place, the business has gone from strength to strength and has dramatically grown since opening in

Daily Mirror included the company in their "Best of British" good food guide. A great accolade that testifies to West Lancs butchers success and reputation.

With a large number of repeat customers from Ormskirk, Skelmersdale, Burscough, Southport, Wigan, Liverpool, Manchester, up to the Lake district and down to Cheshire, some of the local companies the company is proud to work with are West Tower, Spiga restaurant, Infusions bistro, Lancashire Manor Hotel, Blue Mallard, Holland Moor primary school, Holland Hall hotel & restaurant, Fat Bull restaurant chain, Piri Piri restaurant, Fat Olives (Wigan), K's Bar (Wigan), Mossok Hall Golf Club, The Great Moghull (Maghull), Volare, to name but a few....

West Lancs Butchers are proud to be local and are involved in local charities and events. Ultimately theirs is a business that values quality of service, products and loyalty. So if you are looking for a high class quality family run butcher to work with you and provide your business or home with a quality and service second to none get in touch.

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So, the brand new Holdi in Rainford is much more than a fantastic Indian venue. With surroundings that match the food on offer, with its elegant and cool vibe, Holdi in Rainford promises to be one of the best eat out venues around.

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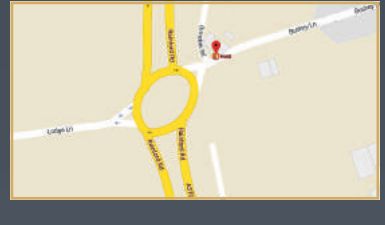

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Slimming World

Slimming World 'gets bigger' in West Lancashire!

I would like to take this opportunity to let all your readers know what advertising with the Champion has done for Slimming World in the West Lancashire area.

We have regularly advertised with the Champion on a monthly basis for more than 10 years which has helped the local groups go from strength to strength and achieve some amazing results.

Over the last 4 years alone we have opened 2 new groups/ 6 new sessions and increased our weekly membership to more than 1,750 members.

With our generous and flexible eating plan and the invaluable help and encouragement of our groups 2016 has been our most successful year to date helping over 1,000 members every single week which includes members who have lost a total of 10, 11, and 12 stone. Which has helped us achieve many awards and accolades including District Team of the year 2106 for the 5th year running.

And due to our groups becoming even more successful and our brand so popular we have recruited 2 brand new Consultants and have opened a further 3 new groups/ 5 new sessions this month.

I would like to thank your staff for all the help they have offered us when placing advertisements, in particular Paul Palmer who has always been very obliging. Also Henry James and Danielle Thompson who have put together some great news features from our groups.

We will most definitely continue to advertise with the Champion and look forward to continued success.

Tina Whewell

Slimming World Team Developer

New Slimming World group moves venue

A local successful slimmer Hayley Daracott who opened a brand new Slimming world group 3 weeks ago is moving the group into a bigger and more central venue.

Hayley Darracott who joined her local Slimming World group after the birth of her second daughter and has now dropped from a size 16 to a size 12.

Hayley is moving her group to the private function room at the T**oby Carvery (formerly the Fiveways), from Saturday the 28th January.**

She says: "Obesity is becoming such a huge issue across the UK. and it's been a privilege for me to be able to pass on the experience, insight and understanding that helped me.

"Like a lot of slimmers, I had tried to lose weight so many times before by following numerous diets but they were never sustainable because I'd always get tired of restricting what I ate. I hit a low point after the birth of my second daughter. Not only was I at my heaviest I was suffering from 'the baby blues' I'd been to Slimming World before and I knew it was the only place to go if I wanted to do something positive and just for me. I loved that you are never hungry and no foods are banned including my favourite curries and pasta dishes. There's no deprivation it's a healthy way to lose weight without starving myself.

I launched the group on 7th January in a local venue and the weight losses have been fantastic already 2 members have lost half a stone.

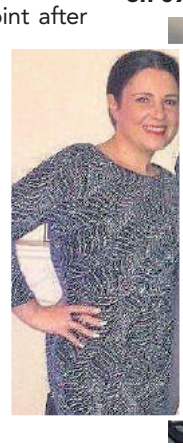
I realised the new function at the Toby was perfect for running a successful Slimming World group. It's very central and has a huge car park. I'm excited to think as a Consultant it's my role to create that warm, supportive atmosphere to get people sharing their ideas and experiences to help others - I'm confident we can do this at The Toby"

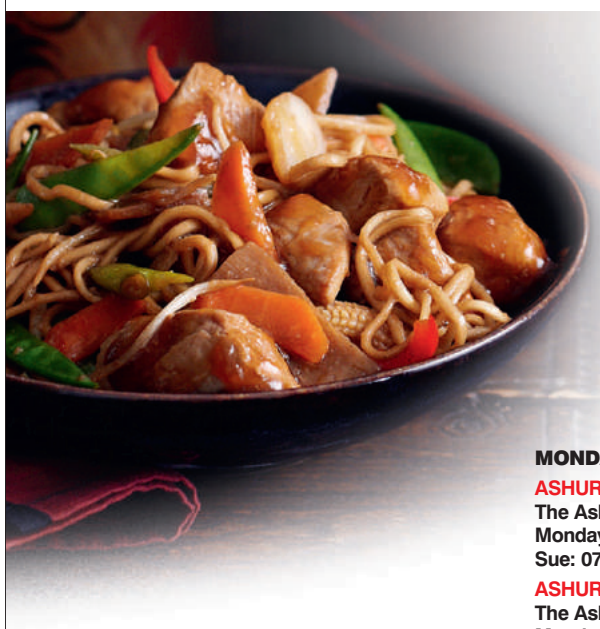
Hayley adds I'm so looking forward to helping anyone who wants to become

slimmer, healthier and happier just like me you can join our warm and friendly

Slimming World group which will be held at **Toby Carvery (formerly the Fiveways), every Saturday at 8.00am**

For more information or to join Hayley's group either pop along or call me on 07583762529."





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KITCHEN DESIGN AND INSTALLATION

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A new kitchen is an important addition to any home. It has to be designed well to fit your needs, made of quality to house excellent appliances and is generally one of the most expensive rooms to up grade, every detail will count as a kitchen or bedroom will have to last for many years.

Cygnet Kitchens are an established business that stops at nothing to ensure total satisfaction from start to finish on any new kitchen or bedroom they undertake. This is why in a matter of a few years the company has known huge success, even in those economically challenging times.

The business started in 2013 under the helm of Paul Wilkinson and Brian Critchley who very quickly became a very well respected Kitchen Company within the area.

So what have the two men to offer that is so different from other retailers and why do their customers keep recommending them?

The first important reason is simply 40 plus years experience in the kitchen industry from the pair. They are also able to take on a brief and develop it fully thanks to highly trained technicians who will always go that extra mile to ensure each job is delivered on time and within the budget agreed.

Kitchen design in particular has suffered over the years from a poor reputation by national suppliers who in a matter of minutes put a plan together, leading to unfulfilled expectations and delays.

Cygnet Kitchens are a million miles away from that as they fully project manage every thing they undertake and only use highly trained quality tradesmen.

Add to this, partnership with some of the biggest and most loved brands in the UK (AEG, BOSCH and SIEMENS to name but three) and you know you can trust Cygnet Kitchens completely from the moment you step into their beautiful showroom.

Paul and Brian are also introducing new concepts with the opening of an additional showroom with a very new and clever concept of a Cook Centre designed for you to try new appliances and see exactly what your kitchen will benefit from before you purchase. Another assurance of a guarantee of quality from this innovative company

It's no wonder that Cygnet Kitchens has achieved over 80% of their new business from recommendations by happy customers and as Paul points out: 'This is probably the most important thing in what we do, 100% customer satisfaction is the very thing we strive to deliver and the best advert you can have.

With the plans to open a brand new bespoke showroom in Ormskirk within a few weeks well,under way, it pays to consider Cygnet Kitchens if you are looking for a new kitchen or bedroom. Why not have a chat with Paul and Brian today?

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PHASE ONE OF OUR ADDITIONAL NEW SHOWROOM AT THE MALTHOUSE BUSINESS CENTRE ORMSKIRK

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Lorraine & Gary

Thank you for all your help installing our beautiful kitchen. Please pass on our thanks to George and Paul. Have a great Christmas and all the best for the new year!

Rita & John

We are thrilled with the finished result. The planning and the installation was executed very professionally from start to finish. Everyone worked so hard to complete the kitchen within the specified time indicated. Thank you to everyone at Cygnet Kitchens.

Pete & Ange

Thank you so much for our gorgeous kitchen, we love it!! The product and service were both excellent and we will have no hesitation recommending you.

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